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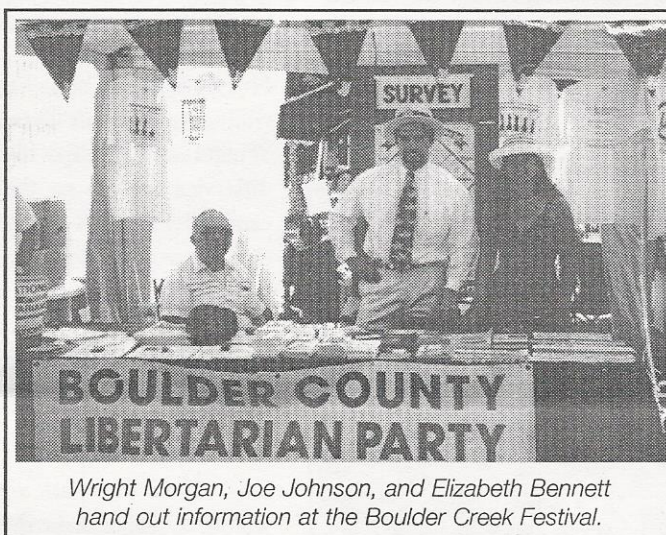
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The next meeting of the board of directors will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 10 at party headquarters, 720 East 18th Avenue in Denver.

Party members are welcome at the meeting. Please call BetteRose for details: 303.639.5530

*In Remembrance of Peter McWilliams
May his struggle for liberty always live in our hearts and minds.*

Boulder Creek Festival Draws Interest in LP



Wright Morgan, Joe Johnson, and Elizabeth Bennett hand out information at the Boulder Creek Festival.

by Lori VanBuren

Memorial Day Weekend found the Boulder County Libertarian Party administering the World's Smallest Political Quiz at the Boulder Creek Festival. As usual, the quiz demonstrated that people who attend outdoor events in Boulder score high on personal liberty but low to mid-range on economic issues. One

of the best things about the quiz is that it opened up many good conversations at the front of the booth.

Premiums provided with donations to the party were mainly tee shirts and bumper stickers. The Citizens Rulebook was also popular; before the weekend was over the booth manager was wishing for more of them. Copies of the United States Constitution also ran in short supply.

Fifteen people filled out a request for more information and three registered to vote. A dozen activists helped staff the booth, which collected over \$100 in donations.

A big thanks to all the folks who volunteered to give up part of their weekend to spend some time at the booth, and especially to septuagenarian candidate for the Colorado House of Representatives from the 13th District, Wright Morgan, who was with us through the heat of the day all three days. Dave Baker brought his Baker2K campaign to the Creek Festival and took advantage of the open mike at the speaker's area.

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Gun Owners Protest Owens in Grand Junction

Governor "Gun Control" Bill Owens snuck past gun owners yet again June 15. At previous rallies Owens was dubbed "Back Door Bill" for the habit. Owens wooed the support of gun owners in 1998 to clinch his narrow victory, but he has since advocated a number of anti-gun policies. While Owens fared poorly in Denver, he did well on the Western Slope.

Sentiments toward Owens appear to be changing in the west. At a banquet featuring Yale Professor John Lott (*More Guns, Less Crime*) earlier in the year, one speaker asked members of the crowd to raise their hands if they voted for Owens previously. Nearly every hand went up. The speaker then asked the participants

to keep their hands in the air if they intended to vote for Owens again. Of the 200 attending, fewer than a dozen left their hands up, and that small number consisted mostly of professional politicians.

On the 15th, around 50 civil arms proponents joined the demonstration in protest of Owens' policies. The crowd was larger than many expected, given that the event was held on Thursday at 11:00 am and most attendees had little advance notice. Three demonstrators drove from the Eastern Slope, while several traveled from surrounding towns such as Rifle.

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Notes from the Chair:

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that I read of the death of Peter McWilliams. I met Peter and spoke with him briefly at the 1998 Libertarian National Convention. He seemed a gentle and kind soul.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with McWilliams, he was the owner of Prelude Press, and the multi-million-copy-selling author of *How to Survive the Loss of a Love*, *The Personal Computer Book*, and *DO IT! Let's Get Off Our Butts* (with co-author John-Roger), a #1 New York Times bestseller. He also wrote what is widely considered to be the definitive book against "consensual" crimes, *Ain't Nobody's Business If You Do*. If you haven't read this last book, may I suggest that you do. Even alone the quotes in the corner of each page of the book are well worth the price.

McWilliams joined the Libertarian Party in 1998 following a nationally televised speech at the Libertarian National Convention in Washington, DC. His speech focused on the right of people to make their own medical choices.

McWilliams, suffering from AIDS and cancer, lived in California, where the use of medical marijuana was approved. The Feds, however, did not and do not respect the rights of states to pass such laws (never mind the 10th Amendment) and arrested McWilliams. Denied access to the drug's anti-nausea properties, McWilliams was unable to keep down the medicines which would have extended his life. It was this inability that actually caused his demise as he reportedly choked to death.

McWilliams was vocal about his stance on consensual 'crimes' and the use of medical marijuana. He was willing to go to the mat for what he believed. In his case, the mat was his death. He could have remained secretive and out of the Feds' field of vision. Instead, he chose to meet the world head on. He chose to make a stand that will move the fight for the return of freedom ahead. He might have remained silent, but he

chose to go on national TV to announce what he was doing and why.

There are many such people in the libertarian movement, several in Colorado and some within the party itself. A man living north of Denver spent a year in jail on a contempt charge but managed to prove he didn't have to pay income tax. His story was told in this paper not many months ago. He risked all to make a stand. Another such person lives in the Springs area and I am sure you could get the story from the El Paso affiliate. We have a man on the eastern plains who has decided enough is enough. He is willing to do 'whatever it takes' to turn this country around. A woman in Gilpin county votes her conscience in the jury room and comes into the national spotlight.

Not all of us can be so heroic. Not all of us can or are willing to risk our lives and our fortunes just yet. When I look at people like McWilliams, I think of the disservice we do to them when we refuse to be candidates because our past is slightly tainted or we don't want to disclose who we owe money to or any of several other reasons. Understanding that there are some of us who simply cannot run because doing so would put us in the same position as McWilliams, of putting everything on the line, there are many of us who face lesser risks.

Each of us must ask ourselves how much we are willing to risk to make the world a freer place. Each of us must ask ourselves how much we are willing to let others do before we enter the fight. Some of us will spread the word to friends and family, some of us will contribute funds, some of us will become activists, some of us will become candidates or step into the public light in other ways, and a small percentage of us will risk it all. No matter what we each choose to do, and it's all important, it is people like McWilliams who give us something to strive toward and something to respect.

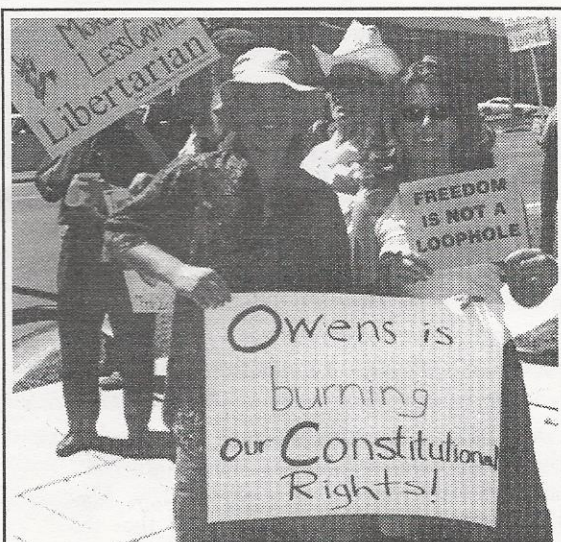
Peter McWilliams, you will be truly missed and remembered as someone who risked it all.

Sincerely,
BetteRose Smith

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Fruita Libertarians Ryan Zarkesh, Melvin Shoemaker, and Kristina Dillard-Crawford join the civil gun rights rally.

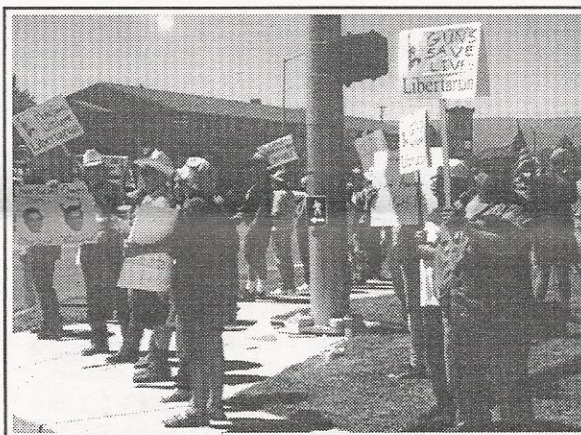
Since last Fall, Owens has also killed a state-wide concealed carry bill, supported redundant CBI background checks which deny people permission to purchase a firearm based on faulty records and force people to prove themselves innocent if wrongfully denied, proposed an increased age to purchase firearms, and supported mandatory gun storage laws which have been called "rapist protection" laws because they render guns useless for self-defense.

Members of the Pro-Second Amendment Committee, Rocky Mountain Gun Owners, the National Rifle Association, and the Libertarian Party attended the demonstration. While some in attendance varied on political tactics, all agreed that Owens had stabbed them in the back and violated civil gun rights. Some members of the Municipal League gave the demonstrators a frosty reception, but others responded enthusiastically and donned pro-gun stickers. A large number of passing cars honked in support.

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Melanie and Rick Alber helped organize the event. Rick Kaufman, a founding member of the local Pro-Second Amendment Committee, attended and gave several press interviews. Melanie Alber held a sign critical of Owens' refusal to keep concealed carry information confidential.

Other signs read, "Hey Owens: Freedom is Not a Loophole," a reference to Owens' support of a petition to expand background registration checks to private sales at gun shows.



*Hey Owens:
Freedom is
NOT a
'Loophole!'*

Fruita High School Students Start Affiliate

Ty Bailey, Ryan Zarkesh and about a dozen of their friends plan to start a Libertarian affiliate at Fruita Monument High School, near Grand Junction.

The pair has handed out Libertarian flyers at local events and has volunteered to help out at a gun show booth later in the year. The students also attended the National Libertarian Convention in California.

Bailey, now a Senior, said he was debating a girl from his school and she said, "You're very libertarian in your thinking." He researched the Libertarian Party on the internet and also checked out the Greens, Communists, Labor, and other political interests. "I nestled fairly snugly with the Libertarian Party," he said.

"I think there's more sympathy for libertarian ideas among the youth," Bailey said. "Many adults, frankly, are pretty much stuck in their ruts."

On June 15, Zarkesh and Kristina Dillard-Crawford joined local civil arms advocates for a rally protesting the gun restriction policies of Republican Governor Bill Owens.

Bailey said that the pressing political issues for Colorado's Western Slope are drug prohibition, water rights, and wilderness concerns. He noted the west tends to be more conservative, which aligns well with libertarian views on civil arms but less well on other issues. For youth, curfews join the list of political problems.

In addition to promoting libertarian ideas, Bailey and Zarkesh also participate with computers, drama club, and work. They said they enjoy school, where they "have a really strong history department" and where Libertarian club sponsor Mr. Davis teaches natural science.

Guest Opinion

Freedom is Not a Loophole

by Ari Armstrong

Special to the Daily Times-Call

Background registration checks on gun buyers don't stop criminals, they make it harder for honest people to defend their families.

But the group Sane Alternatives to the Firearms Epidemic, the name of which likens gun ownership to a disease, wants to expand background registration checks in Colorado to include private sales at gun shows.

Background registration checks violate the Colorado Constitution, which states: "The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property... shall be called in question..." Since August of last year, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation has wrongfully denied hundreds if not thousands of law-abiding Coloradans their right to purchase a firearm for self-defense.

Further, background registration checks turn the traditional concept of justice on its head. In America, we're innocent until proven guilty, right? Ha! If CBI wrongfully denies you your right to keep and bear arms, it is then up to you to prove yourself innocent to the CBI before you can purchase the firearm. This also violates the due process clauses of the Colorado Constitution.

The CBI contacts the FBI to conduct a separate background check. Unfortunately but not surprisingly, the FBI has begun keeping records of honest gun owners who go through a background check. This is true even though the Brady bill as originally proposed was supposed to prevent the FBI from registering gun owners.

As history has proven time and again, registration of gun owners leads to confiscation of firearms. Just ask the Australians, where a 1996 gun ban led to a massive increase in violent crime. Britain, Canada, and Germany's Weimar Republic followed a similar path. Right now, California officials are trying (with little success) to confiscate select semi-automatic rifles which were previously registered with the government. The State always seeks to increase its power over the citizens. When gun owners are registered, it's only a matter of time before their civil liberties to bear arms are stripped from them.

But that's an argument for the long-term. What about the here and now? Do background registration checks decrease crime right now? No. Yale Professor John Lott,

Jr., in his book *More Guns, Less Crime* found "no crime-reduction benefits from state-mandated... background checks before people are allowed to buy a gun" (20).

Disarmament advocates frequently claim that background checks stop X number of criminals from buying a gun, but that's false. Criminals merely resort to theft or the black market to get guns. But many honest people are left defenseless. Lott continues, "No statistically significant evidence has appeared that the Brady [background check] law has reduced crime, and there is some statistically significant evidence that rates for rape and aggravated assault have actually risen by about 4 percent relative to what they would have been without the law" (162).

Background registration checks especially hurt the poor, who lack both the funds to pay for the added costs

of the checks and the legal expertise to prove themselves innocent to CBI if they are wrongfully denied. But poor people in high-crime areas most urgently need firearms to defend their families. Lott summarizes, "Law-abiding minorities in the most crime-prone areas produce the greatest crime reductions from being able to defend themselves" (70).

But anti-gun politicians seem to care about neither civil liberties nor the poor.

Contrary to phrases made popular by gun-grabbing politicians, background registration checks are UNreasonable laws that empower criminals and endanger the lives of children. Background registration checks should not be expanded to cover private sales at gun

shows—they should be repealed.

Arnie Grossman, a founder of the so-called SAFE lobby group, called his background registration initiative a "first step" toward the further restriction of civil gun rights. If private sales at gun shows are somehow "loopholes," then the next "loophole" to close will be all private sales. The final "loophole" will then be the Second Article of the Bill of Rights and the related clause in the Colorado Constitution.

The First Amendment is not subject to federal licensing and mandatory background registration checks. But the civil right of self-defense is even more fundamental. Freedom is not a loophole. We don't need less freedom and fewer civil liberties, we need more.

The writer edits www.co-freedom.com and is a member of Rocky Mountain Gun Owners and the Libertarian Party.

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Please Support the Gun Show Booth!

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Back on track:

Back in February, the Colorado LP Outreach put out a "call to arms," and you responded. At that time, we warned of the possible threat to the ongoing outreach projects in and around the front range area. Our resources were stretched to the limit, and we were forced to ask you for help.

You responded by sending and pledging money so that we might continue putting booths at local gun shows. Between the responses to the cry for help in the *Liberty*, and the booth fund raiser at this year's state convention, we were able to continue our efforts.

You supported us, and we kept our word! The COLP has had a booth at every Tanner and Crossroads of the West gun show since our call for help in February!

You put us back on track, but what does that mean? On an average weekend, the booth brings in a dozen new Libertarian registrations and several dozen more names of attendees who are interested in reading more about the Libertarian Party! At several shows, we even signed new members to the party and, most importantly, hundreds to thousands of people see the name "Libertarian Party" each weekend! So, tell me, are we doing what we said we would? Is this what you want from your party's outreach program? Would you like to see us branch out into other venues?

Expanded our plans:

Because of the faith you had in us, we wanted to earn that faith by expanding out of the Denver area. We are currently scheduled for shows in Loveland, Brighton, Fort Collins, and Lafayette. This is in addition to our regular schedule at the ongoing shows in Denver. Plus, we've got our eyes on more!

We want to expand beyond gun shows to other venues. With community events such as fairs in nearly every town in this great state, there is never a loss for opportunity to reach out to the voters. As a result of our expansion, we have undertaken plans to add several more indoor and outdoor booths to our arsenal.

Our party is growing! Can we count on you? We simply cannot make this happen without more financial help. We have once again stretched our resources to the limit! You said that you wanted more, and we're committed to giving you more, but "more" costs money as well as man power.

Can we count on you to give a donation to help us expand to other parts of the state,

perhaps even in your neighborhood? How about donating a few hours of your time to further the cause of liberty?

Setting up and running our booth costs \$100.00 per show. When you add to that \$50.00 worth of brochures and supplies, you can see that it doesn't take long to deplete our meager resources. But we are getting results for this money.

A Libertarian Governor?!

We hate to ask you for money during a presidential election cycle, we really do. You might even be a candidate yourself, with an expensive campaign to run. The fact is, the COLP Outreach Program can help ALL of our candidates by spreading the word of liberty as no single campaign can! Your donation to our Outreach project today could mean the difference between a Republican governor and a Libertarian governor in 2002. So let me ask you one question; How much would you be willing to spend to elect a Libertarian to the governor's mansion? You can help make that a reality by sending in your donation today!

*Thank you for your support,
Brian Rachocki, Outreach Director*

PS. A recent report from the National LP shows that fully a third of the inquiries from the state of Colorado come from the flyers handed out at the gun shows! Please help ensure that we expand to other venues. To volunteer your time for a show near you, please contact Chuck Wright at cawright@attglobal.net or 303.666.0509. For more information on a show near you, contact Joe Johnson at joejohn@us.ibm.com or 303.604.9153.

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**Please send donations to: Libertarian Party of Colorado, Outreach Program
720 E. 18th Ave. #309, Denver, CO 80203**

Yes, I want to help to grow the COLP Outreach program. Please accept my donation of:

- ☐ \$25.00 to help defray the cost of supplies for a show
- ☐ \$50.00 to cover the cost of supplies for a show
- ☐ \$100.00 to sponsor the cost of entering a booth into a show
- ☐ \$150.00 to sponsor a Libertarian booth for a whole show
- ☐ \$500.00 to help defray the cost of purchasing a new display booth
- ☐ \$1,000.00 to purchase an additional outreach display booth
- ☐ Please bill my Visa / Master Card / Discover

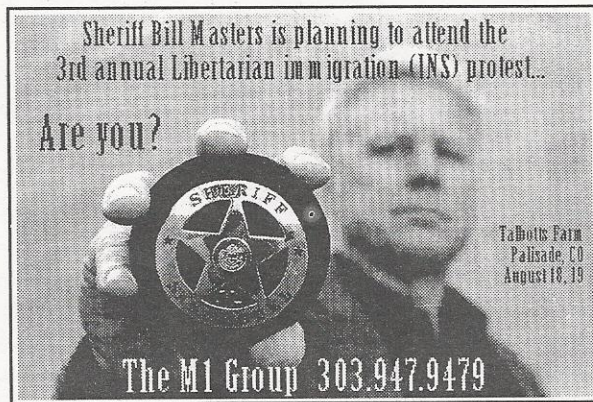
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***I would like to help the Colorado Outreach Team by volunteering
my time to man a table at a gun show, trade show, or county fair.***

Please contact me at: (_____) _____
or e-mail _____

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Join the INS Protest



The third annual Libertarian Immigration (INS) Protest will be held August 18 and 19 in Palisade at Talbott's Farm. The event, at which Libertarian candidates and activists will pick fruit shoulder to shoulder with migrant workers, will include a party, speeches, and free beer and T-shirts on Friday night.

Harry Talbott has the largest fruit operation in Colorado. He is a Republican and is chairman of Club 20's powerful agricultural committee. At the peak of his season, Talbott employs over 120 workers from Mexico.

The event is sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Colorado and the M1 Group. For more information, contact Richard Lamping at 303.947.9479.

Support the *Real* Colorado Freedom Party

Pat Buchanan wants to be on the ballot in Colorado, not with the fractured Reform party but with a new political party called the Colorado Freedom Party. Perhaps Buchanan is unaware that Colorado already has a freedom party, the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

The Libertarian Party has been working to regain freedom for all people in Colorado for more than 26

years. From spreading the word about freedom to stopping wasteful spending to reducing taxes, the Libertarians have fought all the battles.

If Buchanan wanted to better understand what freedom entails, he might read libertarian works or talk with members of Colorado's real freedom party, the Libertarians.

New FEC Member Sympathetic to Third Parties

The June 1 issue of *Ballot Access News* states, "On May 24, Ohio Law professor Bradley Smith was confirmed for a vacant seat on the Federal Election Commission. He is strongly in favor of fair treatment for minor parties."

In a 1991 Harvard Journal of Legislation article entitled *Judicial Protection of Ballot-Access Rights: Third Parties Need Not Apply*, Smith writes:

"FECA (the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1974)

has been described as a 'major party protection act'. In addition to pumping millions [of federal tax dollars] into the Democratic and Republican parties, FECA contains disclosure provisions that have a chilling effect on third-party fund raising, and its \$1,000 limit on campaign contributions makes it impossible for a 'sugar daddy' to provide seed money for a fledgling party. In sum, FECA ensures a large gap between the financial resources available to major and minor parties."

Judge Kennedy Demands Ignorant Jurors

You'd think he'd get a nice plaque or something. But in today's court room, notifying jurors of their rights and responsibilities is referred to as "contamination" or "tainting." Just read the June 15 article in the *Colorado Springs Independent* entitled, "Jurors dismissed, Doug Bruce tainting alleged."

After Bruce appeared for jury duty and distributed pertinent information to the rest of the jury pool, District Judge Thomas L. Kennedy dismissed the entire panel. It seems that jurors who actually know something about jury duty are automatically disqualified from service.

Bruce handed out information from the Fully Informed Jury Association, which provides more

information at www.fija.org.

FIJA's web page contains a lengthy article by Lysander Spooner which begins:

"For more than six hundred years — that is, since Magna Carta, in 1215 — there has been no clearer principle of English and American constitutional law, than that, in criminal cases, it is not only the right and duty of juries to judge what are the facts, what is the law, and what was the moral intent of the accused: but that it is also their right, and their primary and paramount duty, to judge the justice of the law, and to hold all laws invalid, that are, in their opinion, unjust or oppressive, and all persons guiltless in violating, or resisting the execution of, such laws."

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To paraphrase a favorite cliché of our political opponents, it's a win-win-win-win situation. You pay much less for long distance, you pay lower taxes on your smaller phone bill, I get rich, and your LP newsletter makes money on our ads. The only losers are the government and your present long distance carrier.

To sign up, or to discuss your situation, give us a call at **1-888-721-8141 ext. 3333**. Or e-mail me at **RRider@san.rr.com**. Let's do some business!

Community Corner

LP Headed for Record Year

by Norman T. Olsen, Campaigns Director

This is going to be a great year for Libertarians. We have three strong presidential candidates; our convention will be on national TV (CSPAN); Harry Browne is showing up in the national polls already; we will achieve 50-state ballot access for the third straight time; the goal of 218 congressional candidates is well within reach; and here in Colorado, we could easily have more than 70 candidates on this November's ballot thanks to candidate recruiters Don Gorman and our own Joe Johnson.

Twelve years ago, when I found out I was a Libertarian, the party was accurately considered to be little more than a debating society. Now, the evidence abounds that we are finally evolving into a real political party. This means that our candidates need your support, financially, morally, and otherwise. Please contribute generously when asked. Money spent in local campaigns is far more effective than in national ones.

Voters unfamiliar with the names on the ballot for a specific office will often vote by party. The essence of the highly visible presidential campaign strategy is based on this, the coattail effect. This strategy works just as well at the local level. A voter who has met a local candidate will just as easily vote for fellow Libertarians based solely on party affiliation. Will you help expose our candidates to people in your neighborhood, your church, your club, your business?

The interest in the new political parties has never been higher. We've never had a better opportunity to do something than this election. It is time to leverage this opportunity into a great event for liberty. Support your local candidate in every way possible. You can do it; it's not hard. In fact, I know you'll find it to be fun. Let's make our 2000 election night bash an event we'll all remember, something we can tell our grandkids about!

CL Prepares for Candidates

This year, the Libertarian Party of Colorado is on track to run the most candidates ever. The August issue of the *Liberty* will be dedicated to those candidates. If you are a candidate, please send a quality photograph of yourself, along with a write-up of your candidacy, to Ari Armstrong at ariarmstrong@hotmail.com or Box 1034, Arvada 80001. Most candidates will receive a third of a page of space. Higher offices will receive a bit more space if possible. Please note that the August *Liberty* will serve as the

reference guide to Libertarian candidates across the state for the main-stream press and other organizations, so make your presentation highly professional.

Candidates should contact Armstrong about their web pages and their information on www.lpcolorado.org.

Press Watch

Sheriff Denounces Drug War

In a June 16 story in the *Denver Post* by Electa Draper entitled "New meaning for blue 'grass'" (4B), Libertarian Sheriff Bill Masters of San Miguel County criticized fellow Sheriff Jerry Martin of Dolores County for setting up a drug check point on a route toward the Bluegrass Festival. Martin searched cars and made 20 arrests for drug possession.

Draper writes, "San Miguel County Sheriff Bill Masters said that while he is a friend and admirer of Martin's, he is philosophically opposed to such tactics and won't use them in his jurisdiction. 'I believe the drug war is a mistake and it causes more problems than it solves,' he said."

Uncle Liberty?

Colorado Senate candidate Chuck Wright appeared on the "Uncle Nasty" show June 12 on KBPI 106.7 FM, a hard-rock radio station. Wright discussed the "Methamphetamine Anti-Proliferation Act," which Libertarians have condemned as an assault on First and Fourth Amendment civil liberties. Joe Johnson helped set up the interview and appeared briefly on the show. As a follow-up, Libertarian Presidential candidate Harry Browne joined the show on June 22 to discuss the same issue.

"Uncle Nasty," the radio name of the disc jockey, frequently expresses libertarian views on such issues as drug prohibition and civil arms.

Wright told *Liberty*, "I did a 10 minute phone interview on KBPI. The radio host wanted to interview LP candidates after he read our press release on the 'Anti-Proliferation Act' word for word over the air the previous Friday. I noted that Libertarians want you — not politicians — to run your life."

Mike Rosen

The following letter appeared in the June 11 Rocky Mountain News.

Well, we already know that columnist Mike Rosen isn't a liberal. But here's how you can tell he's a conservative: When he learned that his proposed on-air wager over whether Pat Buchanan will be elected

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president is against the law, he asked for (and apparently didn't get) a pre-emptive pardon from fellow conservative/Republican Gov. Bill Owens. Note that he's willing to let the law stand, he just wants a special exemption for himself.

If, instead, he had asked, "Why is it the government's business what I or my opponent do with our own money?" then he would be a libertarian.

Paul Scott Williams, Member, Libertarian Party

Social(ized) (In)security

On May 19, Terry Donze wrote in a letter to the *Rocky Mountain News*: "I too will not be voting for George W. Bush because of his stance on Social Security. I'll vote for the Libertarians, since they are the only ones who want to be completely done with this morally and socially, as well as economically, bankrupt Ponzi scheme. I don't want a crumb back from the Republicans to invest on my own, I want the whole pie."

End Drug Prohibition

On June 13, Bob Glass and Mark Call argued on the Dr. Norm Resnick show that drug prohibition has been an abysmal failure and it has led to the whole-sale violation of rights. Resnick expressed some reservations but was receptive to the arguments against prohibition. Both Glass and Call referred to the libertarian position on the matter. Resnick's show airs daily on the American Freedom Network at 1360 AM from 3 to 5 pm.

In a June letter to the *Daily Camera*, Chuck Wright argued that the real solution to cultural violence is to end drug prohibition, not restrict civil arms. He wrote, "Since drug prohibition doesn't stop criminals from obtaining illegal drugs, why would gun prohibition stop criminals from obtaining illegal guns?"

Dave Baker

From www.lpboulder.org: Congressional candidate Dave Baker (Second District) was on the Call-In Show on KGNU (88.5 FM in Boulder) Thursday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m. along with Ron Forthofer of the Green Party. Dave did an outstanding job of presenting the Libertarian perspective on a range of issues. He also got in a plug for both his web site (baker2k.com) and the LP web site (lp.org). Great job!

Speakout for Freedom

Leroy Casterline wrote a speakout for the *Rocky Mountain News* June 16 entitled, "Ending drug war would solve many problems." Casterline pointed out that drug prohibition is expensive, it leads to gang

violence and thus anti-gun laws, it harms the environment, it harms families, and it erodes civil liberties. Casterline writes, "The war on drugs causes or exacerbates many of the problems that we in Colorado and across the nation are concerned with solving." He continues, "This, which was once the land of the free, now holds a larger percentage of its citizens in prison than any country in the world."

Medical Markets

In a June 18 letter on page 8B of the *Rocky Mountain News*, Brian Schwartz concludes, "America's health-care problems are a direct result of command-and-control government programs like those of our northern neighbor. The solution is not more government control, but a return to a self-regulated free market where doctors have an incentive to treat patients well, and patients have the freedom to choose their doctor."

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